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1. THE AUGUST 4 TRYBUNA LUDU, DAILY ORGAN OF THE
POLISH WORKERS' PARTY (PZPR), CARRIES A
POLISH PRESS AGENCY (PAP) ACCOUNT OF AN AUGUST 3
MEETING BETWEEN PZPR FIRST SECRETARY EDWARD GIEREK
AND CPSU GENERAL SECRETARY LEONID BREZHNEV IN THE
CRIMEA, WHERE GIEREK IS VACATIONING. PAP REPORTS
THAT THE MEETING "WAS HELD IN AN ATMOSPHERE OF
CORDIALITY AND FRIENDSHIP AND WAS MARKED BY UNITY
OF VIEWS ON ALL M 5534 \$8 :7 3\$". ACCORDING TO
PAP, DURING THE DISCUSSION, IN WHICH CANDIDATE
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MEMBER OF THE CPSU POLITBURO KONSTANTIN CHERNIENKO
AND ANATOLY BLATOV, ADVISOR TO BREZHNEV, TOOK PART,
GIEREKA AND BREZHNEV, INTER ALIA:

(A) "EXPRESSED SATISFACTION" WITH PROGRESS
IN BILATERAL ECONOMIC, SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL,
AND CULTURAL COOPERATION;

(B) "STRESSED THE NEED TO ACCELERATE WORK ON

DRAWING UP AND PUTTING INTO PRACTICE A LONG-TERM PROGRAM FOR INDUSTRIAL SPECIALIZATION AND COOPERATION BETWEEN THE USSR AND THE PRL";

(C) "EMPHASIZED THEIR RESOLUTION TO HELP EFFICIENTLY TOWARDS THE REALIZATION OF THE LONG-TERM DIRECTIONAL PROGRAMS OF MULTILATERAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION";

(D) "DENOUNCED ATTEMPTS BEING MADE BY THE US ADMINISTRATION TO USE TRADE AS A MEANS OF PRESSURE AND BLACKMAIL AGAINST SOCIALIST COUNTRIES";

(E) "FIRMLY DENOUNCED THE POWER POLITICS AND HEGEMONIST POLICY WHICH THE CHINESE LEADERSHIP IS CONDUCTING TOWARDS THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM",

(F) "EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR THE NATIONS OF AFRICA, ASIA AND OTHER CONTINENTS WHICH ARE FIGHTING AGAINST THE IMPERIALIST POLICY OF REPRESSION AND INTERFERENCE IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF INDEPENDENT COUNTRIES".

2. COMMENT: WE ARE STRUCK BY THE USE OF "BLACKMAIL" IN REFERENCE TO US TRADE POLICY TOWARDS "SOCIALIST" COUNTRIES. WE SURMISE THAT GIEREK MAY HAVE BEEN RELUCTANT TO GO THAT FAR AND WAS PRESSURED INTO DOING SO BY HIS SOVIET SPONSOR. ON THE OTHER HAND, MFA STUDIES AND PROGRAMS DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR WIEJACZ IN AN AUGUST 4 CONVERSATION WITH AN EMBASSY OFFICER, LARGELY ON UNRELATED SUBJECTS, WENT OUT OF HIS WAY TO CITE THE GIEREK-BREZHNEV FORMULATION.

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3. WE ALSO ARE IMPRESSED BY THE EMPHASIS GIVEN TO LONG-TERM BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL (CEMA) ECONOMIC COOPERATION, ESPECIALLY IN VIEW OF THE RELATIVELY SHORT LENGTH OF THE PAP REPORT. A PARAGRAPH, PRINTED IN BOLD TYPE, STATED THAT THE TWO LEADERS REVIEWED THE RESULTS ACHIEVED IN REALIZING THE OBJECTIVES AGREED UPON AT THEIR CRIMEAN MEETING IN 1977, AND ALSO IN MOSCOW IN APRIL, AND THAT BOTH UNDERLINED THE NECESSITY OF ACCELERATING LONG-TERM POLISH-SOVIET PROGRAMS FOR SPECIALIZATION AND COOPERATION IN PRODUCTION AS WELL AS MULTILATERAL PROJECTS.

4. THIS TOP-LEVEL REAFFIRMATION FOLLOWS A SERIES OF POLISH SOVIET MEETINGS ON ECONOMIC COOPERATION WHICH HAVE BEEN GOING ON SINCE EARLY IN THE YEAR. THESE HAVE INCLUDED A JAROSZEWICZ MEETING WITH KOSYGIN IN MOSCOW IN JANUARY, GIEREK'S MEETING WITH BREZHNEV IN APRIL (MENTIONED ABOVE), AN IMPRESSIVE SERIES OF HIGH-LEVEL SOVIET ECONOMIC VISITS TO POLAND IN JUNE AND A WEEK-LONG MEETING, AHEAD OF SCHEDULE, OF THE POLISH-SOVIET JOINT COMMITTEE FOR ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION WHICH TOOK PLACE

IN WARSAW A FEW WEEKS AGO. IN ALL OF THESE MEETINGS THE SOVIETS HAVE REPEATEDLY STRESSED COOPERATION IN SPECIFIC SECTORS SUCH AS ATOMIC POWER PLANTS, CONSTRUCTION OF OFF-SHORE OIL AND GAS EXTRACTION EQUIPMENT AND MOROT VEHICLE PRODUCTION. THE EMPHASIS PLACED ON THIS SUBJECT AT THE AUGUST 3 CRIMEAN MEETING FURTHER INDICATES SOVIET DETERMINATION THAT THE POLES MUST FOLLOW THROUGH AND ACTUALLY DIVERT INCREASED SECTORS OF THEIR INDUSTRIAL CAPACITY TOWARD BILATERAL PROJECTS WITH THE USSR AND IN THIS CEMA FRAMEWORK.

5. WE ALSO NOTE THAT WHILE GIEREK WAS IN THE CRIMEA GIVING "SINCERE" ASSURANCES OF POLISH INTENTION TO BEEF UP ECONOMIC TIES WITH THE USSR, VICE PREMIER LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AND POLITBURO-MEMBER MIECZYLSAW JAGIELSKI WAS IN MOSCOW MEETING WITH VLADIMIR KIRLLIN, CHAIRMAN OF THE SOVIET STATE COMMITTEE FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY. THE ANNOUNCED SUBJECT OF THEIR MEETING WAS TO FURTHER POLISH-SOVIET COOPERATION IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, WHICH WAS THE PURPOSE OF A SIMILAR VISIT TO THE USSR WHICH JAGIELSKI MADE IN JUNE. AT THAT TIME HE VISITED AN ATOMIC POWER PLANT IN ARMENIA. END COMMENT.

6. DESPITE THE SIMILARITY OF THE HUNGARIAN-SOVIET FORMULATION IN MOST OTHER RESPECTS (REFTEL), THE ABSENCE OF THE DENUMCATION OF THE US ADMINISTRATION IS CONSPICUOUS. SCHAUFLE

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